

Amendments in the Claims: (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. (currently amended) A container assembly adapted for holding a plurality of circular saw blades, said assembly comprising:

- 5 a panel having a generally rectangular shape and having a first edge, a second edge, a third edge and a fourth edge, said first and second edges being positioned opposite of each other;
- a first housing having a bottom side, a top side, a inner side, an outer side and a pair of lateral sides, said top side of said first housing having a plurality of slots therein, a juncture of said inner and bottom sides of said first housing
- 10 being hingedly coupled to said first edge;
- a second housing having a bottom side, a top side, a inner side, an outer side and a pair of lateral sides, said top side of said second housing having a plurality of slots therein, a juncture of said inner and bottom sides of said second
- 15 housing being hingedly coupled to said second edge, wherein each of said inner sides of said first and second housings may be abutted against said panel such that said top sides of said first and second housings are directed toward each other and a closed position is defined, each of said slots in said first housing being staggered with respect to said slots in said second housing when said top sides are facing each other;
- 20 wherein each of a plurality of saw blades may be removably extended into one of said slots, wherein each of the saw blades positioned in said first housing are interspersed between adjacent ones of the saw blades in said second housing due to said slots in said first housing being vertically staggered with respect to said slots in said second housing.
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2. (original) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein each of said slots in said first and second housings each being orientated perpendicular to lateral sides of said first and second housings.

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3. (original) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein each of said slots in said first and second housings being angled from said inner side to said outer side as each of said slots extends toward said bottom side.

5 4. (original) The assembly according to claim 2, wherein said first housing has an aperture extending therethrough, said aperture extending into said outer side and outwardly through said inner side of said first housing, said aperture being generally centrally located in said outer and inner sides such that said aperture extends through each of said slots in said first housing, said second housing having an aperture extending
10 therethrough, said aperture extending into said outer side and outwardly through said inner side of said second housing, said aperture being generally centrally located in said outer and inner sides such that said aperture extends through each of said slots in said second housing, openings extending through each of the blades may be aligned with a corresponding one of said one of said apertures, each of a pair of rods being removably
15 extendable through one of said apertures and through aligned ones of said openings such that the saw blades are releasably secured in said slots.

5. (original) The assembly according to claim 4, wherein each of said rods has a first end having a head attached thereto and a second end being threaded, wherein
20 said head may be abutted against one of said outer sides such that said second end is positioned adjacent to a corresponding one of said inner sides, each of said inner sides has a depression therein, said depressions being positioned such that each of said apertures extends through one of said depressions, each of a pair of nuts being positionable in one of said depressions and threadably coupled to one of the first ends of
25 said rods.

6. (original) The assembly according to claim 2, wherein said inner surfaces of said first and second housings are spaced from each other when said first and second housings are in said closed position.

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7. (original) The assembly according to claim 6, wherein each said slots in said first and second housings having depth such that said saw blades extend between 0.25 inches and 1.50 inches away from a respective one of said top sides.

5 Claims 8 and 9 (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim ~~6~~ 1, wherein each said slots in said first and second housings has a depth adapted for receiving said saw blades such that the saw blades extend between 0.25 inches and 1.50 inches away from a
10 respective one of said top sides.

Claim 11 (cancelled)

12. (original) The assembly according to claim 1, further including a handle
15 being attached to said outer surface of said first housing.

13. (original) The assembly according to claim 12, further including a latch assembly being attached to said first and second housings for selectively securing said first and second housings in said closed position.
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14. (original) The assembly according to claim 7, further including a handle being attached to said outer surface of said first housing.

15. (original) The assembly according to claim 14, further including a latch
25 assembly being attached to said first and second housings for selectively securing said first and second housings in said closed position.

16. (currently amended) A container assembly adapted for holding a plurality circular saw blades, said assembly comprising:

a panel having a generally rectangular shape and having a first edge, a second edge, a third edge and a fourth edge, said first and second edges being positioned opposite of each other;

5 a first housing having a bottom side, a top side, an inner side, an outer side and a pair of lateral sides, said top side of said first housing having a plurality of slots therein, each of said slots being orientated perpendicular to said lateral sides of said first housing, a juncture of said inner and bottom sides of said first housing being hingedly coupled to said first edge, each of said slots in said first housing being angled from said inner side to said outer side as each of said slots extends toward said bottom side, said first
10 housing having an aperture extending therethrough, said aperture extending into said outer side and outwardly through said inner side, said aperture being generally centrally located in said outer and inner sides such that said aperture extends through each of said slots in said first
15 housing;

a second housing having a bottom side, a top side, an inner side, an outer side and a pair of lateral sides, said top side of said second housing having a plurality of slots therein, each of said slots being orientated perpendicular to said lateral sides of said second housing, a juncture of said inner and bottom
20 sides of said second housing being hingedly coupled to said second edge, each of said slots in said second housing being angled from said inner side to said outer side as each of said slots extends toward said bottom side, said second housing having an aperture extending therethrough, said aperture extending into said outer side and outwardly through said inner
25 side, said aperture being generally centrally located in said outer and inner sides such that said aperture extends through each of said slots in said second housing, wherein each of said inner sides of said first and second housings may be abutted against said panel such that said top sides of said first and second housings are directed toward each other and a closed
30 position is defined, said inner surfaces of said first and second housings being spaced from each other when said first and second housings are in

said closed position, said slots in said first housing being staggered with respect to said slots in said second housing when said top sides are facing each other;

wherein each of a plurality of saw blades may be removably extended into one of

5 said slots, openings extending through each of the blades may be aligned with a corresponding one of said one of said apertures, wherein each of the saw blades positioned in said first housing are interspersed between adjacent ones of the saw blades in said second housing due to said slots in said first housing being vertically staggered with respect to said slots in
10 said second housing, each said slots in said first and second housings having a depth adapted for receiving the saw blades such that said saw blades extend between 0.25 inches and 1.50 inches away from a respective one of said top sides;

a pair of rods, each of said rods being removably extendable through one of said
15 apertures and through aligned ones of said openings such that the saw blades are releasably secured in said slots, each of said rods having a first end having a head attached thereto and a second end being threaded, wherein said head may be abutted against one of said outer sides such that said second end is positioned adjacent to a corresponding one of said inner
20 sides, each of said inner sides having a depression therein, said depressions being positioned such that each of said apertures extends through one of said depressions, each of a pair of nuts being positionable in one of said depressions and threadably coupled to one of said first ends of said rods;

25 a handle being attached to said outer surface of said first housing; and
a latch assembly being attached to said first and second housings for selectively securing said first and second housings in said closed position.